

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Michael F. Bennet, of Colorado, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate passed S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S733–S795

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 296–312. **Pages S786–87**

Measures Passed:

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act: By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate passed S. 181, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S739–59, S759–76

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 7), Hutchison Amendment No. 25, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S739, S741–45

Specter Amendment No. 26, to provide a rule of construction. (By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 8), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S739, S753–58**

Specter Amendment No. 27, to limit the application of the bill to discriminatory compensation decisions. (By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 9), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S739, S754, S758**

Enzi Amendment No. 28, to clarify standing. (By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S739, S748–53, S758–59**

Enzi Amendment No. 29, to clarify standing.

Pages S739, S748–53

DeMint/Vitter Amendment No. 31, to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to re-

frain from such activities. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 11), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S741, S761–64

Isakson Amendment No. 37, to limit the application of the Act to claims resulting from discriminatory compensation decisions, that are adopted on or after the date of enactment of the Act. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Vitter Amendment No. 34, to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Appointments:

Congressional Budget Office: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, appointed Dr. Douglas W. Elmendorf as Director of the Congressional Budget Office effective immediately for the remainder of the term expiring January 3, 2011.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe during the 111th Congress: Senator Cardin.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., section 42 and 43, appointed Senator Cochran as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for the 111th Congress.

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Majority Party Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to S. Res. 18, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 111th Congress, the following be the order of listing:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Senators Schumer, Dodd, Byrd, Inouye, Feinstein, Durbin, Nelson (NE), Murray, Pryor, Udall and Warner.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: The last two names appear as Senators Shaheen and Hagan.

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Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, January 26, 2009, following disposition of the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2009, Senate consider the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and that there be 2 hours of debate relative to the nomination, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees; provided further, that at 6 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Susan E. Rice, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Lisa Perez Jackson, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ray LaHood, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Transportation.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Shaun L.S. Donovan, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Mary L. Schapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Nancy Helen Sutley, of California, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—14) Pages S744–45, S758–59, S763–64, S775

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S794.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James B. Steinberg, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Jacob J. Lew, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH ISSUES AND STATES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what